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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER TO IZRAEL OF
HYDROMET FROM TRAIN:

"DEAR YURI:

AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PROTOCOL FOR PROJECT V-2 (PROTECTION
OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS) IN ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, ON SEPTEMBER 19,
1974, DR. DILLON OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL RECEIVED AN
INVITATION FROM PROFESSOR P.I. MELNIKOV, DIRECTOR OF THE PERMA-
FROST INSTITUTE AT YAKUTSK, FOR A VISIT OF TWO US SCIENTISTS IN
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AUGUST 1975 TO COLLABORATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER MODELS

TO ASSIST IN PREDICTING AND SOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT. PROFESSOR MELNIKOV SUGGESTED THAT EITHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT OR THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND USSR ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT UNDER WHICH TO FACILITATE THIS STUDY.

THE US SIDE BELIEVES THAT PROJECT V-2 UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT WOULD APPROPRIATELY EMBRACE THIS STUDY AND THAT SUB-PROJECT A-1 (PRODUCTIVITY AND FUNCTIONAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS IN TAIGA AND TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT) WOULD ESPECIALLY ACCOMMODATE THIS WORK THROUGH ITS PROVISIONS FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND STANDARDIZATION OF RESEARCH METHODS IN NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS.

I HOPE THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR E. U. CURTIS BOHLEN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH DR. DENISOV, DR. KONTRIMAVICHYUS, AND PROFESSOR MELNIKOV IF HE IS IN ATTENDANCE, AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING AND, IF AGREEABLE, THAT THIS FIELD OF COOPERATIVE WORK BE INCLUDED IN THE 1975 TECHNICAL EXCHANGES.

IN CLOSING LET ME EXPRESS MY SINCERE REGRETS THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO VISIT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS AFTER THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THAT I BE IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. MRS. TRAIN AND I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO THE CENTRAL ASIAN TRIP WITH KEEN ANTICIPATION AND I HOPE WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,

RUSSELL E. TRAIN
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